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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The references cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a are being called to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue there from.

Applicant notes that certain non-English language references submitted on July 26, 2010, were not considered by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully resubmits the references, together with the English-language version of the foreign action indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Applicant points out that MPEP 609.04(a) subsection III, provides, in relevant part:

Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. This may be an explanation of which portion of the

reference is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an "X", "Y", or "A" indication on a search report.

Accordingly, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the Japanese Office Action dated May 19th, 2010 which provides the required concise explanation of relevance for the five Japanese-language citations cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08a.

Respectfully submitted,
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